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APPLICANT: Kaufman et al.
SERIAL NO.: 10/099,881 GROUP NO.: 3737
FILING DATE: March 15, 2002 EXAMINER: Not Yet Assigned
TITLE: IMAGE PROCESSING USING MEASURES OF SIMILARITY

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Sir:

Applicants filed the patent application referenced above on March 15, 2002. Applicants filed a Preliminary Amendment and Transmittal of Formal Drawings on July 3, 2002. Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment.

Applicants hereby amend the specification to properly claim the benefit of filing dates of earlier filed U.S. applications as provided in 35 U.S.C. §119(e) and 35 U.S.C. §120.

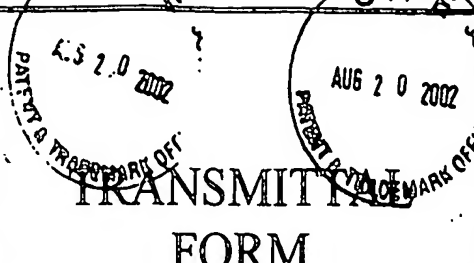
Applicants believe that no fee is due with the submission of this amendment. If this is incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows. A marked-up copy of the replacement paragraph, as well as a clean copy of the replacement paragraph are attached.

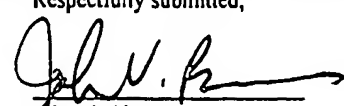
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Thomas F. Hellenthal

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith are:

1. Transmittal Form (1 page);
2. Supplemental Preliminary Amendment (4 pages);
3. Supplemental Application Data Sheet (2 pages); and
4. Return receipt postcard.

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At page 1, delete and replace paragraph [0001] as shown in the attached marked-up and clean copies.

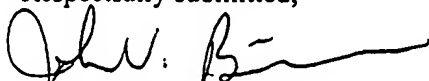
REMARKS

Applicants amend the paragraph under the heading, "Prior Applications", in the specification to additionally claim the benefit of copending U.S. Utility Patent Application Serial Number 10/068,133, filed on February 5, 2002. According to 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2), the application claiming the benefit of a copending nonprovisional application must contain a reference to such prior application. This reference must be submitted during the pendency of the application, and within the latter of four months from the actual filing date of the application or sixteen months from the filing date of the prior application. Since the filing date of the U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/068,133, to which priority is being claimed via this Amendment, is less than sixteen months from the filing date of this Amendment, Applicants therefore submit that this Amendment is timely filed. Applicants submit that the amendment requested herein adds no new matter and respectfully request entry of the amendment.

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81 [0001] The present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/068,133, filed February 5, 2002, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/738,614, filed December 15, 2000, which claims priority to and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/170,972, filed December 15, 1999; also, the present application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/353,978, filed January 31, 2002. All of the above applications are assigned to the common assignee of this application and are hereby incorporated by reference.

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SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION DATA SHEET

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